

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 156

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kelly McCarter on her selection as the 2016-2017 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kelly McCarter is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Kelly McCarter has been selected as the 2016-2017 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a fourth grade teacher at Pigeon Forge Primary School, Mrs. McCarter is known as a leader, a problem-solver, and an innovator; she teaches numerous subject areas utilizing the latest instructional strategies while still using her teacher instincts and empathy to reach troubled or struggling students; and

WHEREAS, recognized as the 2017 Pigeon Forge Primary Teacher of the Year, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her field, Mrs. McCarter often attends professional development activities and is frequently asked to speak at county and school inservices and PLCs to share what she has learned or to help a struggling teacher; at grade level meetings, she often facilitates, leads PLCs, and provides all information of ongoing school activities; and

WHEREAS, a proponent of science education, Kelly McCarter is the founding leader of Science Avengers, an after-school science program; she was awarded a Tanger Kids Grant to build a raised-bed garden and take a field trip to the Oak Ridge Museum of Science and Energy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McCarter is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Kelly McCarter truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kelly McCarter on her selection as the 2016-2017 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.